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## **TITUSVILLE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ARMED ROBBERY OF GAS STATION AND CONSPIRACY TO ROB CREDIT UNION**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that a federal jury today found Ramiret B. Davis (age 25, of Titusville) guilty of conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery, interference with interstate commerce by robbery, and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. Davis faces a minimum sentence of 7 years in federal prison, and a maximum penalty of life. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 23, 2010. Davis had been indicted, along with his co-defendant, Loranzo Thomas, on February 17, 2010. Thomas has pleaded guilty and is also scheduled to be sentenced on July 23, 2010.

According to evidence presented at trial, on November 21, 2009, Davis and Thomas went into a Marathon Gas Station in Titusville with a revolver and a shotgun and demanded money from the clerk. They "pistol-whipped" the clerk and then shoved him into the store's walk-in cooler before leaving with more than \$700. Two days later, Davis and Thomas drove to the Community Educator's Credit Union (now the Community Credit Union of Florida) in Titusville intending to commit another armed robbery. While they were preparing to commit the robbery, they were spotted by a witness who called the police.

The Titusville Police Department immediately responded and were able to prevent the robbery. At the time of arrest, Davis and Thomas were found with a revolver, a pump shotgun, and a “sawed-off” shotgun.

This case was investigated by the Titusville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent S. Chiu.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O’Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.